

DATE: SEPTEMBER 23, 2021

KIND OF MEETING: TOWN BOARD

WHERE HELD: SCHODACK TOWN HALL

CLERK: DEBRA L. CURTIS

PRESIDING OFFICER: DAVID B. HARRIS

MEMBERS PRESENT: JAMES E. BULT
SCOTT SWARTZ
MICHAEL KENNEY
TRACEY REX

MEMBERS ABSENT:

ATTORNEY: CHRISTOPHER LANGLOIS, ESQ.

COMPTROLLER:

OTHERS PRESENT:

Supervisor Harris called the September 23, 2021 Town Board Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and dispensed with roll call. All present as noted.

Library Presentation

Library Directors Melissa Tacke (Castleton Library), Jill Dugas Hughes (East Greenbush Library) and Tracy Clague (Nassau Free Library) gave a combined presentation to highlight the services offered by each library to the residents of Schodack and to explain their funding requests for 2022. Collectively, they expressed their appreciation to the town board for their past support and they looked forward to serving the residents of the town in the future.

M. Tacke explained that the Castleton Library, following reopening from the pandemic, had continued to hand out take-home kits including crafts and science projects for children and families; hosted outdoor events under a tent for pumpkin painting and ice cream science projects and brought book mobiles to Castle Ridge Senior Housing and Riverside Nursing Home. Ms. Tacke noted that the library was able to also partner with the Schodack Central School District to grant access to all students for borrowing e-content through their Sora Account and resumed story and craft time at the Castleton Elementary School. For 2022, the funding request for Castleton Library would be \$159,263.00, an increase of \$12,477.00. This would allow for the purchase of additional wi-fi hotspots, e-content and museum passes.

J. Dugas-Hughes expressed her delight for the East Greenbush Library to be open to the public, in-person, following the shutdown from the pandemic. She noted that the drive-up window, craft kits, wi-fi in the parking lot and outdoor story time had continued for safe library use for all. In addition to those services, the library staff also created book bundles for card holders, based upon interests, for a custom reading experience. As with the Castleton Library, the East Greenbush Library was requesting an increase in funding to \$320,000.00 for 2022. This would be an increase of \$8,687.00 from 2021.

T. Clague explained that the Nassau Free Library made adaptations to their services during the pandemic, which were continuing as the library was reopened to the public. These

services included take-home art kits, open mic night and yoga in the parking lot, loaning of wi-fi hotspots, a tutoring program and the summer reading program. She noted, during the shutdown, the library upgraded the handicap ramp and interior lighting which was necessary maintenance for the 180-year-old building. They were also able to replace the early literacy machine. For 2022, the Nassau Free Library was requesting a \$5,000.00 increase from 2021 to \$35,000.00.

S. Harris thanked all the directors for their hard work and dedication to their libraries.

Briefing of Resolution

S. Harris read a brief statement and the proclamation for resolution 2021-231.

Board Comment (Resolution Only): None.

Public Comment (Resolution Only): None.

Adoption of Resolution

The resolution voted upon reflect additions, deletions and amendments approved by the consensus of the majority Board.

EXPLANATION: Bracketed and strikethrough indicates language that was stricken from the resolution when adopted. Underlined indicates language that was added to the resolution when adopted. A WITHDRAWN resolution is so noted and italicized.

S. Harris made a motion to adopt the following resolution, as amended, seconded by C. Bult:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF SCHODACK DOES HEREBY:

2021-231) WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Schodack Town Board to act in accordance with its longstanding tradition of honoring the achievement of those who have given so generously to their community, exemplifying the ideals and values cherished by this great Town, and

WHEREAS, on September 9, 2021 at approximately 9 a.m. Allison Steele, while traveling along Maple Hill Road in the Town of Schodack, came across a distressed motorist stopped in the middle of the road, she attempted to revive him, and

WHEREAS, Grace Coons, a cook at the Emmanuel Reformed Church looked out the window and observed Alison attempting to revive the other motorist who was obviously in distress, and

WHEREAS, Grace called 911 to report an unconscious and unresponsive male, approximately 30 years old, and ran out from the church to the scene, and

WHEREAS, Grace recognized the motorist was a potential victim of a drug overdose and needed NARCAN, and

WHEREAS, simultaneously Mike White a motorist stopped and helped Grace and Alison remove the unresponsive driver from the vehicle, and

WHEREAS, concurrently, Kenneth Meyer, a motorist who stopped at the scene, realizing it was a potential cardiac issue, ran to Maple Hill High School to obtain an AED, and

WHEREAS, Jacqueline Hill, Principal at Maple Hill High School intercepted Ken Meyer, and then rushed to obtain an AED and went to the scene with the it, and

WHEREAS, CPR was indicated and initialized by Grace Coons, she was assisted by Allison Steele, where they were literally implemented CPR in the middle of Maple Hill Road, and

WHEREAS, Mike White then drove Paster to his residence to obtained a dose of Narcan and returned to the scene whereby Grace administered the 1st dose, and

WHEREAS, Schodack Town Highway crew of Steven Larsen, Rick Hiller, Andy Koch, Joseph Cavanaugh and Steven Rivers coming upon the incident, stopped at the scene, began traffic control and provided safety at the scene, and

WHEREAS, Schodack Police Officers Richard Eckel and Jahmale Dickson arrived within minutes at the scene and assisted with CPR and commenced the investigation, and

WHEREAS, Castleton Volunteer Ambulance crew, a Basic Life Support agency, consisting of EMTs Marlaina Walsh and Karrilyn Bristol arrived at the scene continued life saving measures including administering additional doses of NARCAN and using LUCAS chest compressor, and

WHEREAS, Bruen Rescue Squad, an Advanced Life Support agency, consisting of Paramedic and EMTs: Daniel Daley, Sean Murray, Ryan Brady and Jonathan Angley, arrived at the scene to provide further life saving measures, and

WHEREAS, Schodack Valley Volunteer First Response 32, driven by Patrick O’Keefe with a crew of Brian Cassidy, Christopher Guilanelli and Joseph Pulver, arrived on the scene and provide scene support, and

WHEREAS, Castleton Volunteer Ambulance Squad EMTs along with Bruen Paramedic then continued to monitor and transport patient to Albany Medical Center Hospital, and

WHEREAS, the patient has made a full recovery and has returned to normal daily activity, and

WHEREAS, it is believed that actions of all Civic, Church, Police, Fire and Ambulance personnel involved kept the patient from further complications, or death,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Schodack is moved to honor Motorist: Allison Steele, Kenneth Meyer, Mike White; Emmanuel Reform Church personnel: Grace Coons, Paster Dirk Gieser; Maple Hill High School Principal Jacqueline Hill; Town of Schodack Highway personnel: Steven Larsen, Rick Hiller, Andy Koch, Joseph Cavanaugh, Steven Rivers; Schodack Valley Volunteer Fire Company personnel: Patrick O’Keefe, Driver; Brian Cassidy, Chief; Joseph Pulver, Firefighter; Christopher Guilanelli, Firefighter; Town of Schodack Police Officers: Richard Eckel, Jahmale Dickson, Castleton Volunteer Ambulance personnel: Marlaina Walsh., EMT; Karrilyn Bristol EMT; Bruen Rescue Squad personnel: Daniel Daley, Sean Murray, Ryan Brady, Jonathan Anglely who have given of themselves to this community in so many ways, distinguishing themselves through their unselfish quick actions, as impressive role models for all, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Schodack will pause in its deliberations of the 23rd day of September 2021 to acknowledge and honor Allison Steele, Kenneth Meyer, Mike White, Grace Coons, Dirk Gieser, Jacqueline Hill, Steven Larsen, Rick Hiller, Andy Koch, Joseph Cavanaugh, Steven Rivers, Patrick O’Keefe, Brian Cassidy, Joseph Pulver, Christopher Guilanelli, Richard Eckel, Jahmale Dickson, Marlaina Walsh, Karrilyn Bristol, Daniel Daley, Sean Murray, Ryan Brady and Jonathan Anglely to thank them for their heroic contributions to the well-being of an individual and the Town of Schodack.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Supervisor shall provide a copy of this resolution, suitably engrossed, to all Civic, Church, Police Fire Rescue and Ambulance personnel that participated in this live saving endeavor.

5 Ayes 0 Noes. **MOTION CARRIED.** Ayes – J. Bult, M. Kenney, S. Swartz, T. Rex, D. Harris. Noes – 0.

S. Harris asked all that were present from the proclamation to come forward to be recognized for their bravery. He noted that anyone who was not able to attend the meeting would be presented with a copy of the proclamation at a later date.

Open Discussion

1. **Budget Workshop** – S. Harris said a time restraint had arisen for the scheduled budget workshop on October 14, 2021. As the regularly scheduled board meeting was on the same date at 7:00 p.m., he proposed changing the workshop from 6:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. to allow sufficient time for discussion. All board members agreed.

Presentation – Wilde Roots

Mr. Wilde informed the board of his intention to open a cannabis dispensary at his property located at 4179 US 20. He said the location would be one of three sites he intended to open which would allow for safe and legal consumption of cannabis. S. Harris asked if consumption would be allowed on the premises. Mr. Wilde said no as it was not permitted by law. S. Harris asked who would regulate the business. Mr. Wilde said, when Governor Cuomo passed the Marijuana Regulation and Tax Act, the Cannabis Control Board was established to manage all dispensaries. S. Harris asked when Mr. Wilde projected opening his dispensary. Mr. Wilde said no date had been determined but that he wanted to be prepared for when NYS finalizes all regulations. J. Margelot, an associate of Mr. Wilde, said it was their goal to alleviate concerns and stigma of cannabis dispensaries. He noted, the operation would not be located near schools or churches, as prohibited by law and would be a benefit to Schodack as a source of revenue (3 percent of sales tax). B. Lyda Esq., the Attorney for Mr. Wilde, added that the dispensary would need to obtain a license from the Cannabis Control Board, similar to the Liquor Authority. S. Harris thanked Mr. Wilde and his associates and said the board would review the information presented.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business before the Board, C. Kenney made a motion to adjourn the 09/24/20 Town Board meeting at 7:16 p.m., seconded by C. Swartz. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra L. Curtis
Schodack Town Clerk

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